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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4361**  
Kenji SAITO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0635A  
Serial No. 10/532,586 : Group Art Unit 3723  
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**RESPONSE**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated March 31, 2006.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-13 and 15-16, without traverse.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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